

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 14, 2001 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 405 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. David H. Steele, Senate Chair  
Rep. Joseph G. Murray, House Chair  
Sen. Dan R. Eastman  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Ed Mayne  
Sen. Carlene M. Walker  
Rep. Gerry A. Adair  
Rep. Don E. Bush  
Rep. Stephen D. Clark  
Rep. Marda Dillree

Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
Rep. David L. Hogue  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Karen W. Morgan  
Rep. Max W. Young

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Research Analyst  
Ms. Cherylann S. Felt, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Junie G. Anderson, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or contact the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Steele called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m. He read a letter of commendation addressing the efficiency and effectiveness exhibited by the UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) in the completion of the I-15 reconstruction design/build project. The Committee voted to prepare the letter at the October meeting and send it to executive appropriations and leadership members, the Governor, and Mr. John Njord, UDOT. A copy of the letter was also distributed to Committee members. Chair Steele announced that agenda item 5, Department of Transportation Budget Flexibility, would not be heard at this meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Morgan moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2001 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale, Sen. Mayne, Sen. Walker, Rep. Bush, Rep. Dillree, and Rep. Hogue absent for the vote.

**2. Annual State Highway System Changes (Draft Legislation)**

Mr. Carlos Braceras, UDOT, distributed a series of maps detailing the redesignation of the following State roads: SR-106, SR-223–Bear Hollow Drive, SR-273, and SR-283. He said the changes will add 6.7 miles and subtract 10.5 miles for a net reduction of 3.35 miles of highway from the state highway system. The changes were detailed in draft legislation "Master State Highway Amendments" that was mailed to Committee members prior to the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Adair moved to recommend draft legislation "Master State Highway Amendments." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale, Sen. Mayne, Sen. Walker, Rep. Bush, Rep. Dillree, and Rep. Hogue absent for the vote.

**3. Performance Audit of Unregistered Passenger Vehicles in Utah (Draft Legislation)**

Rep. King discussed draft legislation "License Plates Requirements" that was mailed to Committee members prior to the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Morgan moved to recommend draft legislation "License Plates Requirements." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. Hogue absent for the vote.

Mr. Christensen discussed draft legislation "Motor Vehicle Registration Amendments" that was mailed to Committee members prior to the meeting.

Ms. Felt distributed "Motor Vehicle Registration Amendments," which included two amendments to the draft legislation.

**MOTION:** Sen. Eastman moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 5: After "Code to" insert "allow a court to"
2. Page 1, Line 6: Delete "before a court may dispose of a case of" and insert "as part of any sentence imposed for"

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. Hogue absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Eastman moved to recommend draft legislation "Motor Vehicle Registration Amendments," as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

#### **4. Administrative Traffic Proceedings (Draft Legislation)**

Sen. Knudson briefed the Committee on the background of draft legislation "Traffic Offense Adjudication," which originated in the Decriminalization of Traffic Offenses Task Force.

Ms. Felt distributed amendments to "Traffic Offense Adjudication" and explained that the changes would make it clear that a justice court judge does not have to act in the capacity of an administrative law judge when adjudicating an administrative traffic proceeding.

**MOTION:** Rep. King moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 14: Delete line 14
2. Page 1, Lines 22-23: Delete lines 22 and 23
3. Page 5, Lines 140-148: Delete lines 140 through 148
4. Pages 13-14, Lines 379-416: Delete lines 379 through 416

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

Mr. Christensen said a technical change should be made to the above amendments so that amendment 2 reads as follows:

2. Page 2, Line 23 Delete line 23

**MOTION:** Sen. Hale moved to approve the technical change to the amendments to "Traffic Offense Adjudication." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hogue moved to recommend draft legislation "Traffic Offense Adjudication," as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

## **5. Department of Transportation Budget Flexibility**

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

## **6. Other Legislation (Draft Legislation)**

Sen. Hale stressed the importance of organ donations and discussed draft legislation "Organ Donation Checkoff" that was mailed to Committee members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Rodney Marrelli, Utah State Tax Commission, distributed a form "Utah Motor Vehicle Registration Materials." He said there is currently enough room for the checkoff on the form but it may have to be reformatted in the future to accommodate additional checkoffs if passed by the Legislature, which would induce additional costs.

Mr. Bart Blackstock, Driver License Division, said he did not oppose the legislation but expressed concern that whenever a fee is collected through the Division, it causes considerable complications.

**MOTION:** Rep. King moved to recommend draft legislation "Organ Donation Checkoff." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson absent for the vote.

Sen. Millie Peterson discussed draft legislation "Driver License Reporting" that was mailed to Committee members prior to the meeting. She also distributed two forms "Driver Condition Report" and "Physician's Statement" currently used by Missouri.

Ms. Karmen Sanone, Salt Lake County Aging Services, and Ms. Rolayne Fairclough, AAA, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Eastman moved to recommend draft legislation "Driver License Reporting." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson and Rep. Hogue absent for the vote.

Rep. Carol Moss discussed draft legislation "Child Restraint Violations" that was distributed prior to the meeting.

Ms. Fairclough assisted in answering questions regarding child restraint violations.

**MOTION:** Rep. King moved to recommend draft legislation "Child Restraint Violations." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson and Rep. Hogue absent for the vote.

Rep. Moss discussed draft legislation "Seat Belt Requirements" that was mailed to Committee members prior to the meeting. Ms. Fairclough provided comments about the bill as well.

## **7. Other Committee Business**

Chair Steele expressed his gratitude for the hard work of the Committee and staff members.

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Rep. Dillree moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman, Sen. Knudson, Rep. Hogue, and Rep. Young absent for the vote. Chair Steele adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

